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SEP 15 1983

Mr. Peter Shagena
Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc.
38345 Van Born Road
Romulus, Michigan 48174

Re: Chemical Recovery Systems
Elyria, Site Inspection

Dear Mr. Shagena:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the findings of our September 1, 1983, visual site inspection of the Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc., site in Elyria, Ohio, and will confirm our discussions of that afternoon. As you know the inspection was conducted in accordance with Section V.A.1. of the Consent Decree, which has been lodged with the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

As a result of our inspection, we agreed that those areas designated as D.S. on the enclosed site map, required removal of the top layer of soil prior to grading and seeding. The basis for this decision was the fact that no vegetation existed in those areas as it did in other areas of the site. Also, small areas of what appeared to be residue from spilled drum contents, were observed in the drum storage areas. Your approach of scraping the surface of the entire site, for removal of the top layer of soil and other miscellaneous debris is acceptable and will satisfy the need to have such soils removed.

I understand that this work and the subsequent grading and seeding of the site is scheduled for completion by September 15, 1983. If you have any questions, please contact myself (312/886-3010) or Mr. Jonathon McPhee (312/886-6719) or at the above address.

Sincerely,

Gregg Kulma
On-Scene Coordinator

Enclosure

cc: Jonathon McPhee
G. Vanderlaan
A. Satala, Assistant U.S. Attorney

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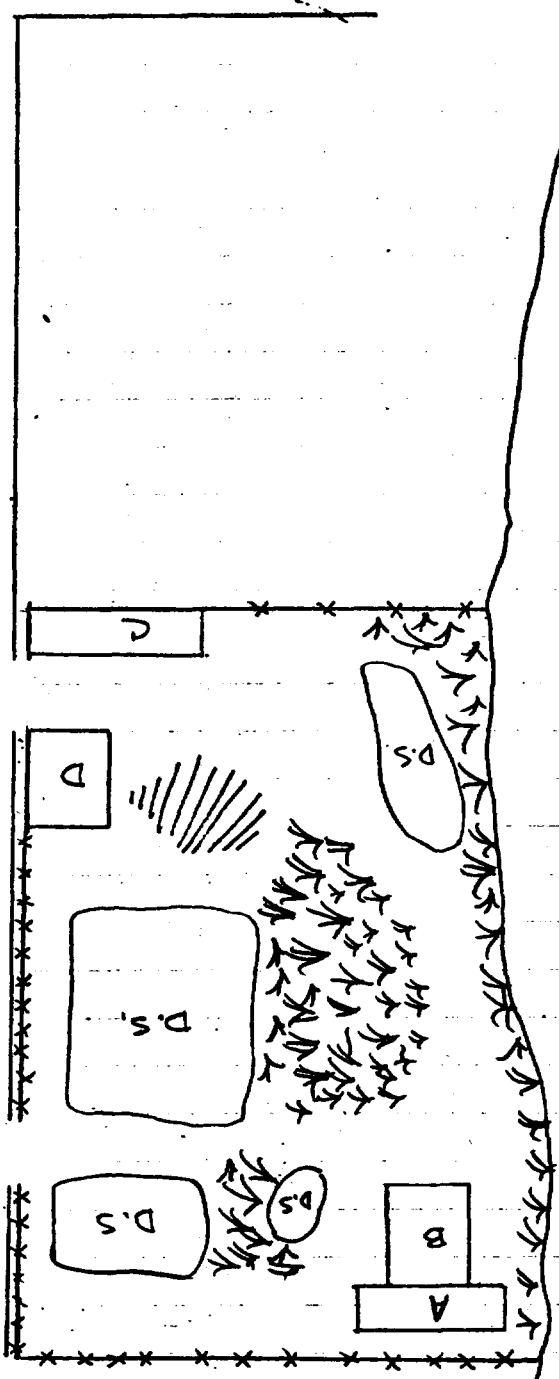


Black River

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- A-HORIZONTAL TANK
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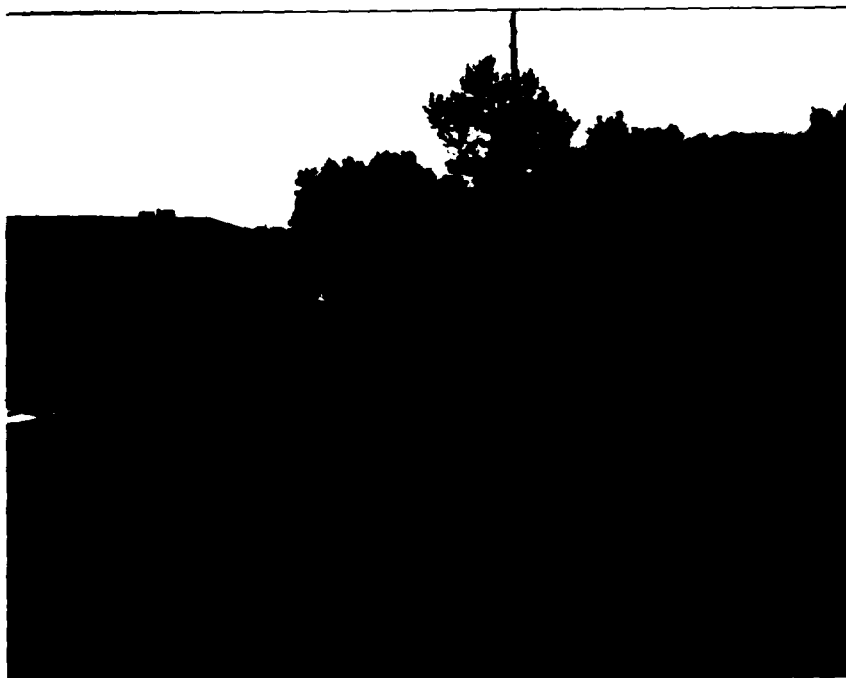
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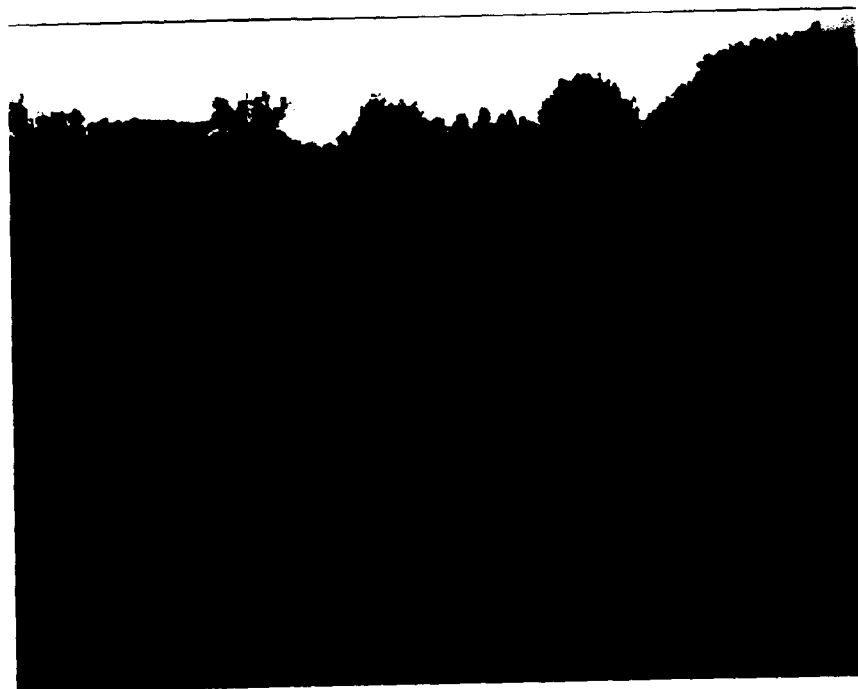
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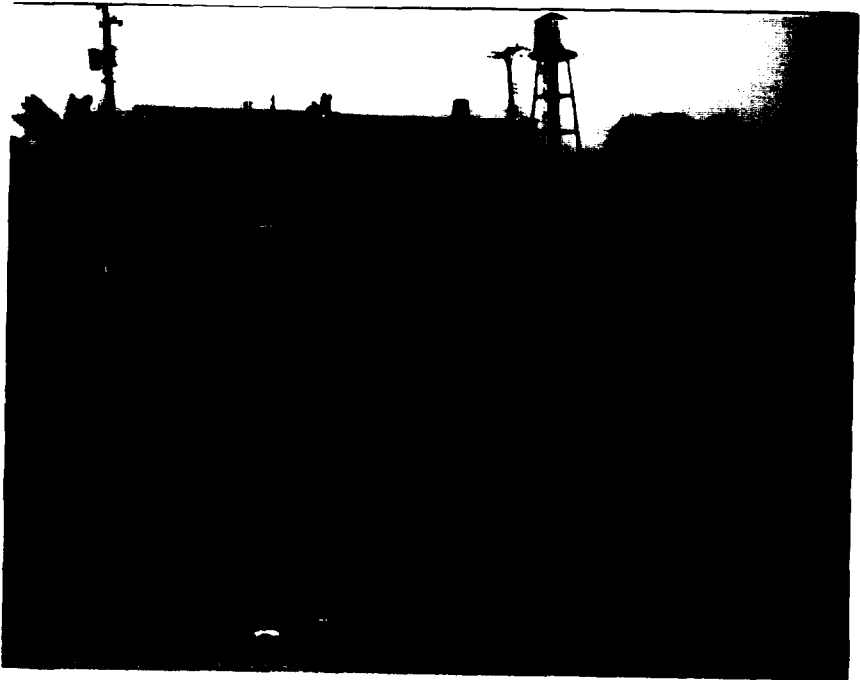
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16 TO EXCAVATOR WORKING AROUND STILL

DATE SEPTEMBER 1, 1983TIME 2:37 A.M. P.M.DIRECTION: N NNE NE ENE
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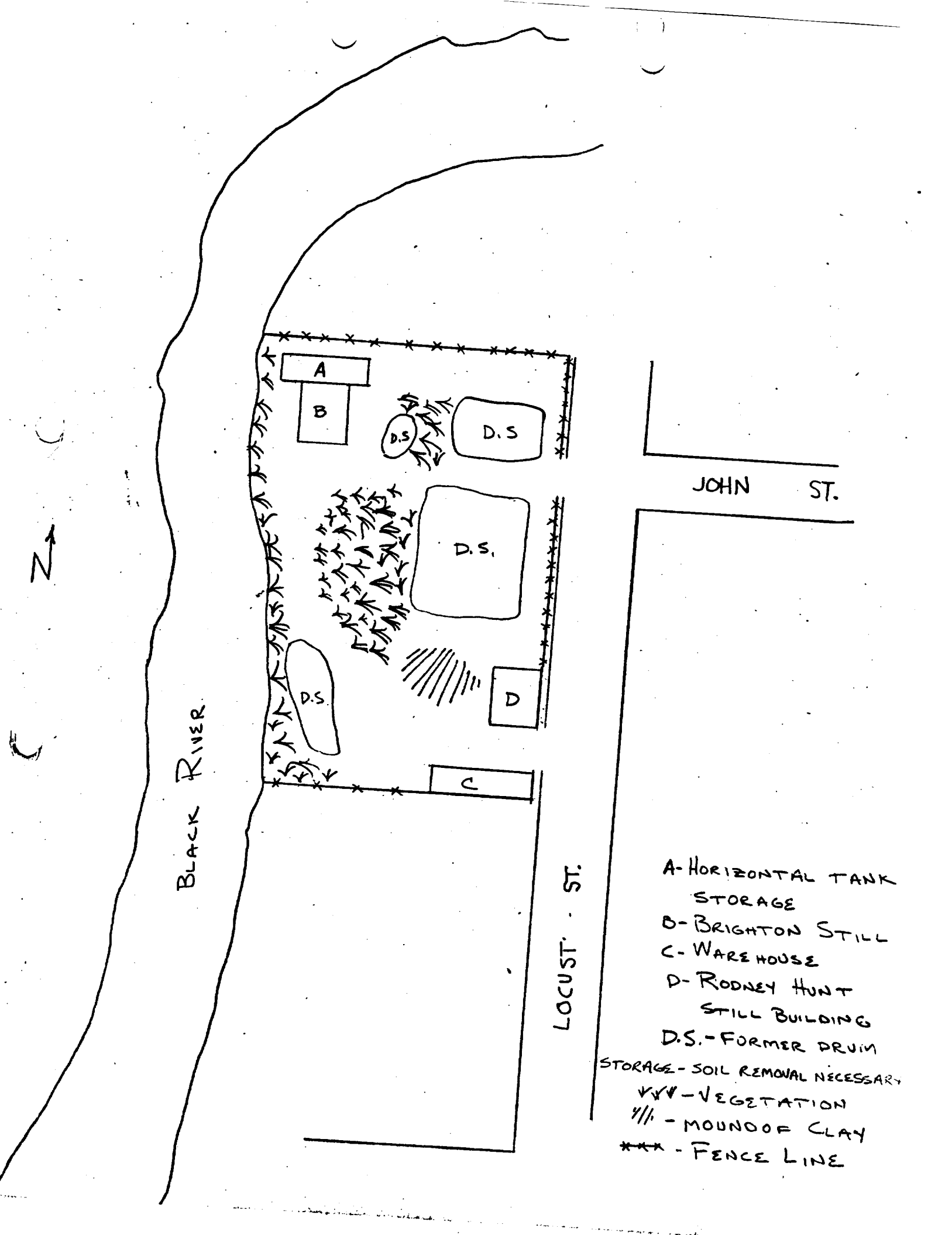
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DESCRIPTION: GENERAL STORAGE AREA IN EAST CENTRAL PART OF SITE



BLACK RIVER

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223 WEST JACKSON BLVD., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606, TEL. 312-663-9415

International Specialists in the Environmental Sciences

DATE: October 26, 1982

TO: Greg Kulma, Remedial Response Section

FROM: Joe Petrilli, Field Investigation Team Leader *Joe*

SUBJECT: Attached memorandum from Ron St. John to Joe Petrilli

RE: Comments made by Greg Kulma and Kevin C. Garrahan on the
Hydrogeologic and Extent of Contamination Study for Chem-
ical Recovery Systems

After you review the attached memorandum, I would suggest a meeting among the three of us to discuss Mr. St. John's response in more detail. This will also give us an opportunity to talk about the peer review process, and how to implement report modifications.

Please contact me when you have finished your review of the FIT comments and are ready to discuss them.

cc: Ron St. John

TO: Joe Petrilli, FITL

FROM: Ron St. John, author of the CRS report Ecology & Environment, Inc.

SUBJECT: Rebuttal to comments made by Gregg Kulma and Kevin G. Garrahan on
the Hydrogeologic and Extent of Contamination Study for Chemical
Recovery Systems.

DATE: October 15, 1982

I have read the comments made by Mr. Kulma and have the following reply to them:

- 1) I don't understand this comment as a review of Table 3 certainly shows adequate evidence of groundwater contamination.
- 2) The groundwater elevation at completion, of 694.29, is incorrect. No elevation should have been shown, as depicted in cross-section A-A' on Plate 2 groundwater was not encountered.
- 3) I agree.
- 4) I agree.

My reply to Mr. Garrahan's comments are:

page 2) The description of the sewer line on page four, should read: "bell and spigot" rather than "bell and spicket." On the other hand, the explanation of the sewers' function seems sufficient.

page 5) He needs to read these statements more carefully; they are correct. On page four, in the last sentence of the first paragraph under Site Geology it reads: twenty feet of fill thickness. On page twenty-five it states: twenty-eight feet of unconsolidated materials.

page 16) Pertaining to comments on my overestimation of precipitation infiltration: Mr. Garrahan first tells me that his computer model estimate of thirty-five to forty percent is more accurate than my fifty percent, then, he contradicts himself by saying that his figure may increase due to sub-surface lateral entry of precipitation from off-site areas.

Pertaining to his comments on using the entire stream bottom as the area perpendicular to flow, in the flow rate calculation:

- 1) The example figure he gives does not resemble the conditions at the site.
- 2) The Black River is not the major discharge area for groundwater.
- 3) Besides these facts, the thickness that would be used to calculate the flow rate through the fill would be the saturated thickness not the maximum thickness of fill (28 feet).

If needed, site specific examples can be given.

page 18) These are valid additions.

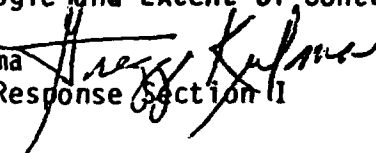
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

OCT 12 1982

DATE: 10/8/82

SUBJECT: Review Comments Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc.
Hydrogeologic and Extent of Contamination Study

FROM: Gregg Kulma 
Remedial Response Section I

TO: Rod Bloese
Ecology & Environment, Inc.

I have attached a copy of review comments on the subject report. In accordance with the peer review process, these comments must be addressed before this report can be released to the public. After you have had a chance to review these comments, it probably will be appropriate to have a discussion about how to address them. Changes will either have to be made in the report or justify reasons for not making changes.

Attachment

cc: Marian Neudel
Mike Kosakowski, w/attachment

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

DATE: SEP 29 1992

SUBJECT: Review Comments Chemical Recovery Systems, Incorporated
Hydrogeologic and Extent of Contamination Study

FROM: Gregg Kulma, On-Scene Coordinator
Remedial Response Section I

TO: Marian Neudel, General Attorney
Water Enforcement

OCT 4 1992

I have reviewed the subject report and have the following comments:

1. Page 2, Paragraph 4 and page 4, Paragraph 1 - statements are made that groundwater is contaminated without any supporting evidence;
2. Page 5, Paragraph 3, Sentence 3 - sample 5 is below the water table. This is based on the drilling log for boring number B-8;
3. Page 18, Paragraph 1, Last sentence - I suggest that the phrase "by a considerable margin" be deleted since there are no calculations which establish what the flow rates are;
4. Page 25, Conclusion 6 - the word significant should be deleted for the same reasoning in comment 3.

I have also attached a copy of the review comments from Kevin Garrahan.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SUBJECT: Peer Review of E & E Hydrogeological Study of Chemical
Recovery Systems - Elyria, Ohio

FROM: Kevin G. Garrahan, Environmental Engineer
Compliance Branch

TO: Michael Kosakowski, Acting Chief
Compliance Branch

I have reviewed the E & E report and offer the following
comments:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Comment</u>
2	The description of the "sewer line" beneath the site is confusing. Is it a bell and spigot storm drain to collect surface storm-water runoff from Locust Street? If so, call it such.
5	The maximum thickness of unconsolidated fill is stated to be 20 feet. On page 25, conclusion #2, the maximum thickness is stated as 28
16	The calculations of leachate generation is based on two simplifying assumptions: (1) 50% of precipitation infiltrates and leaches, (2) contaminated site area of 2 acres. The 50% proportion appears high. Hydrologic simulation using the Perrier & Gibson computer model estimates percolation at about 35-40 percent. The calculation also ignores the sub-surface lateral entry of <u>precipittion</u> from off-site areas.

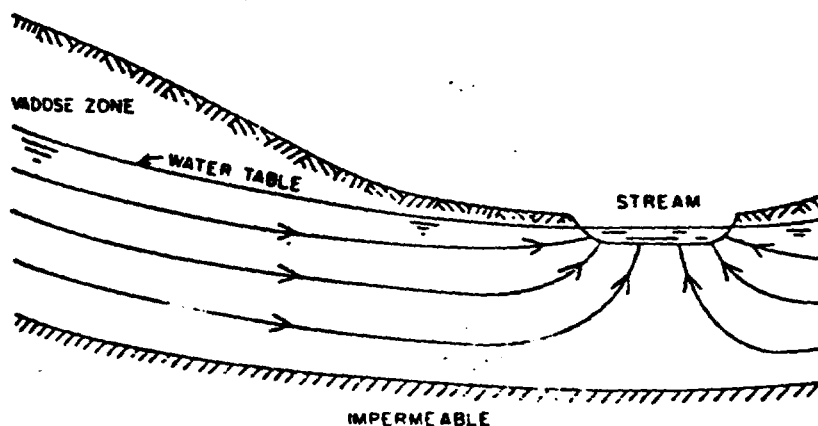
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Calculations for groundwater flow are based on an assigned permeability value and the river depth of eight feet. The river depth should not be used to calculate the cross-section area normal to the flow since the flow lines converge to the sides and bottom of the stream (see sketch below).



Since the characteristics of the underlying sandstone aquifer are not known, then perhaps it would be best to calculate the flow of groundwater through the layer of unconsolidated fill. In this case, the maximum thickness of fill (28 feet) would be used in Darcy's Equation. Computation of the equation would yield the maximum flow of contaminated groundwater through the site.

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Additional causes for the large difference between leachate generation and the flow of groundwater are: (1) the estimated proportion of infiltrating precipitation (50)% is too high, (2) seasonal variations of groundwater flow are not accounted for.

Plates

The plates should show the flow direction of the Black River. Legends should also be labelled.

c.c. Leon Acierto, Region V ✓